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SEPTEMBER 16th TO MARK BEGINNING OF NEW RETAIL CRIME FEE

Statewide – September 11, 2008 – Delaware Division of Revenue Director Patrick Carter announced today that within the week the State of Delaware will begin assessing a new Retail Crime Fee to Delaware retailers.

Effective for all new retail business license and license renewals obtained on or following September 16, 2008, an annual fifteen dollar (\$15.00) Retail Crime Fee will be added to the cost of the annual retail business license. This applies to general retail business licenses and grocery store licenses only.

Current State of Delaware retail license holders will pay the Retail Crime Fee starting in 2009. Businesses with a three-year license will be invoiced for 2009 and 2010. The Retail Crime Fee will apply to all primary and secondary business locations.

"Retailers won't need to worry about coming in immediately to remit payment," says Patrick Carter. "There are no separate forms to remit each year either. Instead we're adding the \$15 fee to the cost of the current annual business license. Compliance for this new fee should be relatively easy."

The \$15.00 Retail Crime Fee is a result of House Bill 458, which was signed by Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner on July 17, 2008. House Bill 458 establishes a new "Retail Crime Unit" in the Office of the Attorney General.

The new Retail Crime Unit will prosecute retail crime throughout the state and will be funded solely by the annual \$15.00 Retail Crime Fee.

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